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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bruno FLORIN et al.

Application No.: 09/826,393

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For: PROCESS FOR THE CRYO-  
PRESERVATION OF PLANTS

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following claim amendments and comments into the file of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 14, 24 and 31-32 as follows:

B1 14. (Amended) A process for the cryo-preservation of a primary explant comprising the step of cryofreezing the primary explant, wherein the primary explant comprises a plant tissue that has been subjected to an induction medium for a time sufficient to induce a primary regenerating tissue.

B2 24. (Amended) A process for the cryo-preservation of a primary explant comprising the steps of:

incubating a plant [planting] tissue in an induction medium for a time sufficient to induce a primary explant;

dehydrating the primary explant to a water content of at least 28 g/100g dry weight;